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This is a volunteer office. We are only in the office a couple times a month. Please email a board member.

Picnic at Clarklake Beach & Boat Club – June 10, 2025

The Jacksonians board invites you to Clarklake Beach & Boat Club, 51 Grand Boulevard, Clarklake on Tuesday, June 10th, at noon for our annual family picnic. Bring you family, children, grandchildren, and retirees interested in joining the Jacksonians, to enjoy a day at the lake. Spend the day at the beach, in the lake, or reminiscing with friends.

Registrations begins at 11:30.

Jacksonian board will supply:

Hot Dogs, buns, Chips

Condiments, Paper Products

& Eating Utensils.



You will need to bring:

Your own non-alcoholic
Drinks & passing dish
(to serve 8 people).

RSVP with your name and
number of adults and
children attending along with
the passing dish you will be
providing to:

jedavis22@gmail.com or
phone 517-740-0293.

Deadline: June 1st.

Gilberts Chocolates Tour – Lunch at Steve's Ranch & Euchre July 15th

You're in for a delightful day! Start your morning with an exciting tour of Gilbert Chocolates where you'll witness the fascinating process of chocolate-making, from roasting cocoa beans to molding the final delicious products. After indulging in some mouth-watering samples, head over to Steve's Ranch for a hearty lunch. Known for its welcoming atmosphere and delicious meals, it's the perfect spot to relax and refuel. To top off the day, enjoy a friendly game of Euchre with those who wish to join, making for a fun and engaging end to your outing.

Gilberts Chocolates Factory Tour begin Tuesday at 10:00.

Tour includes information about how chocolate is made, the history of Gilbert Chocolates, and an opportunity to watch our chocolate creation artists at work!

Location: 233 N. Jackson Street, Downtown Jackson.

Tour Time: 10:00am Limited to first 30 at 10:00am.

Overflow will start at 10:30am.

Register by email or call: Fallon Walker at 517-812-3806 or

fallonsstar@gmail.com

Fallon will need to know: 1) Attending Tour 2) Attending Lunch 3) Attending Euchre

Lunch Steve's Ranch: 311 Louis Glick - 11:00 – 11:15 (ordering from their menu)

Euchre: When lunch is over until 2:00pm

Deadline for Reservations: Friday July 11th.



May 14th – Lugnuts Game vs. South Bend Cubs 11:05 game time.

May 20 – Euchre & Lunch 11:00 at Knights Steakhouse

May 27th – Jacksonians Board Meeting

June 10th – Annual Picnic at Clarklake Beach & Boat Club 11:30 registration

June 18th – Euchre & Lunch 11:00 at Knights Steakhouse

July 15th – Tour of Gilberts Cholates, Lunch & Euchre 10am tour begins

(if you wish to attend a board meeting by phone in call Joann at 517-740-0293)

If you have not already sent in your 2025 Membership, please do so soon! \$17.00 send to our mailing address.



Website for retiree information:

www.consumersenergy.com/retiree or use your camera to scan this QR Code

New Retirees/Recent Deaths/Newsletter /Scholarships/Discounts

2025 Scholarship Information is available on the "retiree advantage" website



Sympathy

- Sympathy to the families of:**
- Shirley Stewart (ret. 2012)
 - * John Worden (ret. 2009)

Spring whispers softly, nature's gentle call,
Flowers bloom brightly, birds sing enthrall.
Leisurely walks, gardens in full cheer,
Warm days bring joy, loved ones near.
Embrace the season, peace and delight,
Springtime's beauty, hearts feel light.



Euchre & Lunch at Knights Steakhouse Monthly
2125 Horton Road
Time: 11:00am - 3:30pm
RSVP by emailing Fallon Walker at:
fallonsstar@gmail.com

Contact our Sunshine Committee Chair Jan Riede (contact info on the sidebar) with information you'd like included in the Jacksonian: **Congratulations - Sympathy - Special Event - Wedding Anniversary** (clarifying landmark anniversary dates: 25th - 50th - 55th - 60th and every year after 60).

Legislative & Health & Safety - Julie Taylor

Hello! Just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as I joined the Jacksonians board in April 2025 as the new legislative/health and safety member. If you hear of any initiatives relating to legislative matters that affect our group in the State of Michigan such as changes to solar/wind initiatives send me a note at banyanmaui@gmail.com.

Just a little about myself — I served in Human Resources for 22 years before I retired in May 2020. This included working with employees and executive staff in various locations and positions including labor relations, salaried employee relations , strategic change management, SAP regulatory and contractor management, salaried employee policies, Immigration case filings and coordination of senior VP town halls across the state.

I reside in Jackson with my family and one horse, 2 goats, three dogs and a three cats! I love all things birds and have facilitated the raising of nearly 30 baby bluebirds on our 6 acres. Spring is here and my first bluebird nesting has 5 eggs! Also, a purple finch family is currently nesting on the wreath on my front door! Happy spring everyone.



5 Tickets remaining for our Lugnuts Game on May 14th. If you are interested, please contact Roberta Sexton at 517-740-2073 or robertasexton@comcast.net ASAP



Jacksonians Trail Bicyclist
Biking has started again if you are interested in biking with Mike and crew, give Mike a call at 517-763-4807 or email at mrpawade@gmail.com. As always, the weather rules!

On April 9, 2025, fifty Jacksonians gathered for our Spring Luncheon at the Country Club of Jackson. Attendees savored a delightful meal, choosing between Traverse City Chicken and Roast Pork Loin, followed by a sweet treat of vanilla ice cream with hot fudge. The event was made even more special by the Homespun Strings, whose nostalgic tunes played during lunch, evoking cherished memories for many.

Winners!

Oh my!

You WON!

Three Cheers!

Surprise!

Woo Hoo!

- Alex Keppler
Calvin Schuch
Rich Davis
Jon Chaffee
Jim Dodds
Marsha Northrup
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